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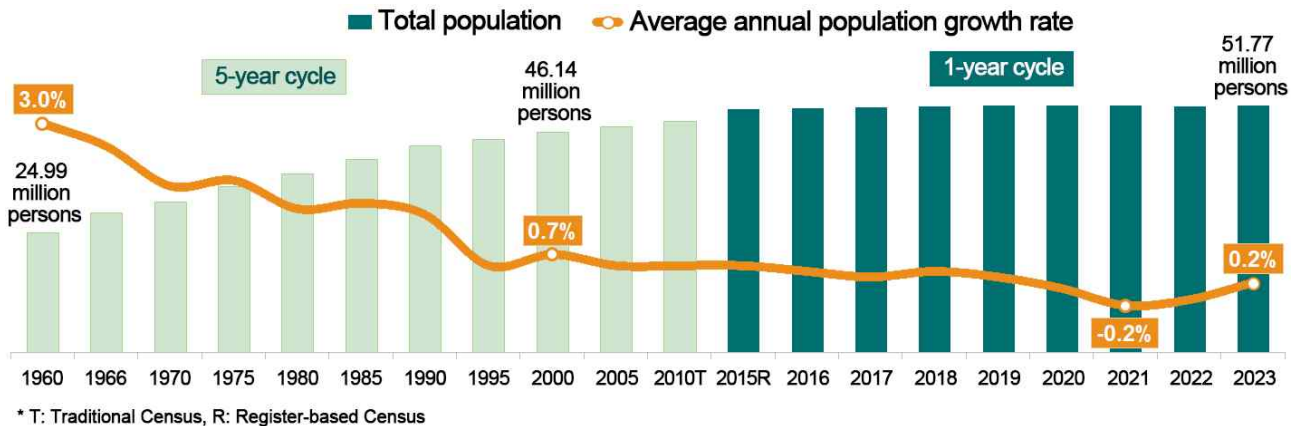
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[Population]

As of November 1st, 2023, the population of South Korea was 51.77 million persons, which increased by 0.2% (82 thousand persons) from 2022.

- In 2023, the number of Koreans residing in South Korea was 49.84 million persons (96.3% of the total population), which decreased by 101 thousand persons (-0.2%) from 2022.
- The number of foreigners residing in South Korea recorded 1.94 million persons (3.7% of the total population), which increased by 183 thousand persons (10.4%) from 2022.

[Total population and average annual population growth rate]

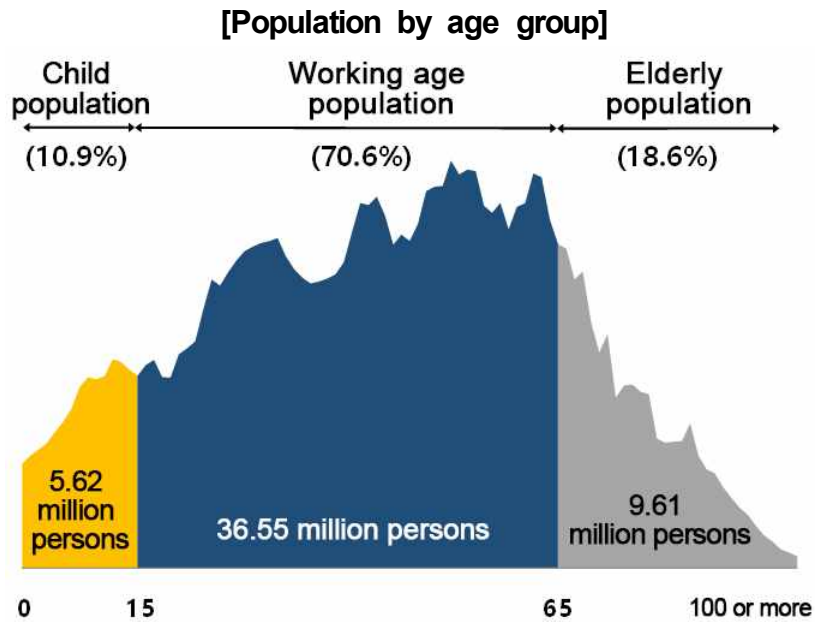


The working age population aged 15~64 amounted to 36.55 million persons (70.6%). This figure had shown a steadily decreasing trend since 2018.

- The child population and the working age population showed a year-on-year decrease. Whereas, the elderly population showed a year-on-year increase.

	2022	2023
Child population aged 0~14:	5.86 million persons (11.3%)	5.62 million persons (10.9%)
Working age population aged 15~64:	36.69 million persons (71.0%)	36.55 million persons (70.6%)
Elderly population aged 65 or more:	9.15 million persons (17.7%)	9.61 million persons (18.6%)

- The aging index (the elderly population per 100 child population) stood at 171.0 in 2023, rising by 14.9 from 2022.



In 2023, the population of the Capital Area was 26.23 million persons, which occupied 50.7% of the total population. This figure showed a steadily increasing trend.

- The Capital Area and the Jungbu Area recorded a year-on-year increase in the population. Whereas, the Yeongnam Area and the Hoham Area recorded a year-on-year decrease in the population.
- (Metropolitan city and province)
8 regions including Gyeonggi and Incheon showed a year-on-year increase in the population. Whereas, 9 regions including Seoul and Gyeongbuk showed a year-on-year decrease in the population.
- (Si, Gun & Gu)
100 regions showed a year-on-year increase in the population. Whereas, 129 regions showed a year-on-year decrease in the population.



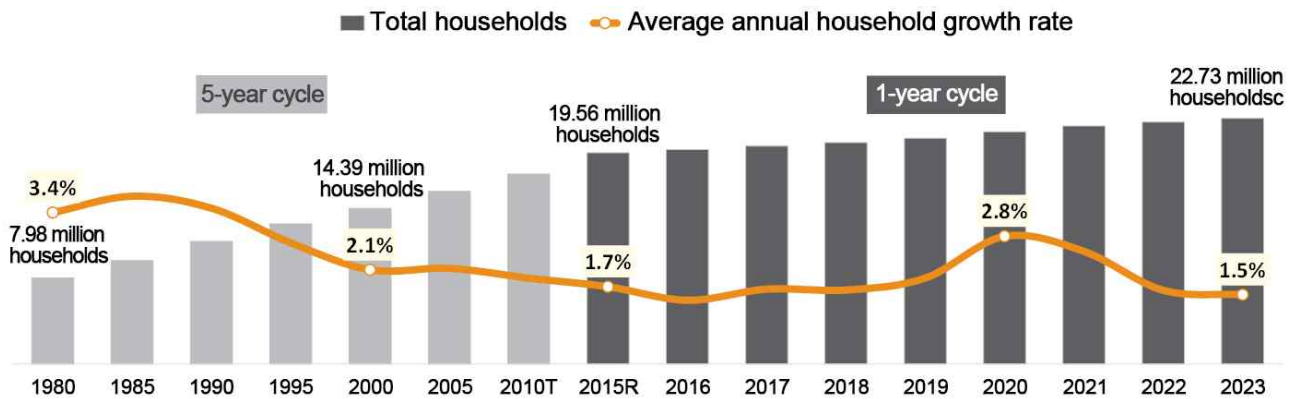
[Household]

As of November 1st, 2023, the number of households totaled 22.73 million households, increasing by 1.5% (345 thousand households) from the previous year.

- The general households occupied 97.1% (22.07 million households) of the total households in 2023, which rose by 1.4% (300 thousand households) from 2022.
- Foreigner households and group households occupied 2.9% (655 thousand households) of the total households in 2023, which rose by 7.4% (45 thousand households) from 2022.

* Total household= General household + Foreigner household + Group household

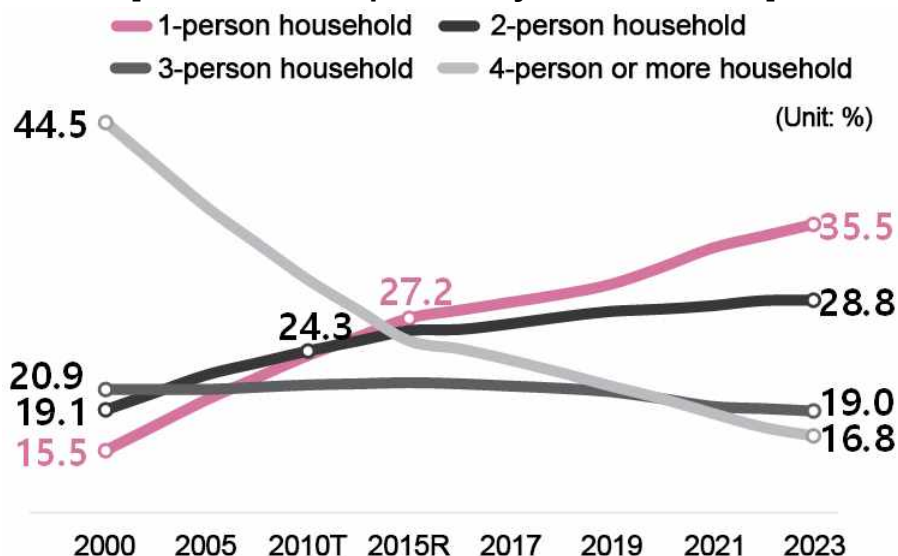
[Total households and average annual household growth rate]



Among general households, 1-person and 2-person households accounted for 64.2% (14.18 million households). The average household size stood at 2.21 persons in 2023.

- Compared to 2022, 3-person or less households marked an increase. In the meantime, 4-person or more households marked a decrease.
- 1-person and 2-person households rose by 4.4% (327 thousand households) and 1.4% (86 thousand households), respectively. Whereas, 4-person or more households fell by 3.2% (-123 thousand households).
- The average household size marked 2.21 persons in 2023, which fell by 0.03 from 2022 and 0.22 from 2018.

[Household composition by household size]

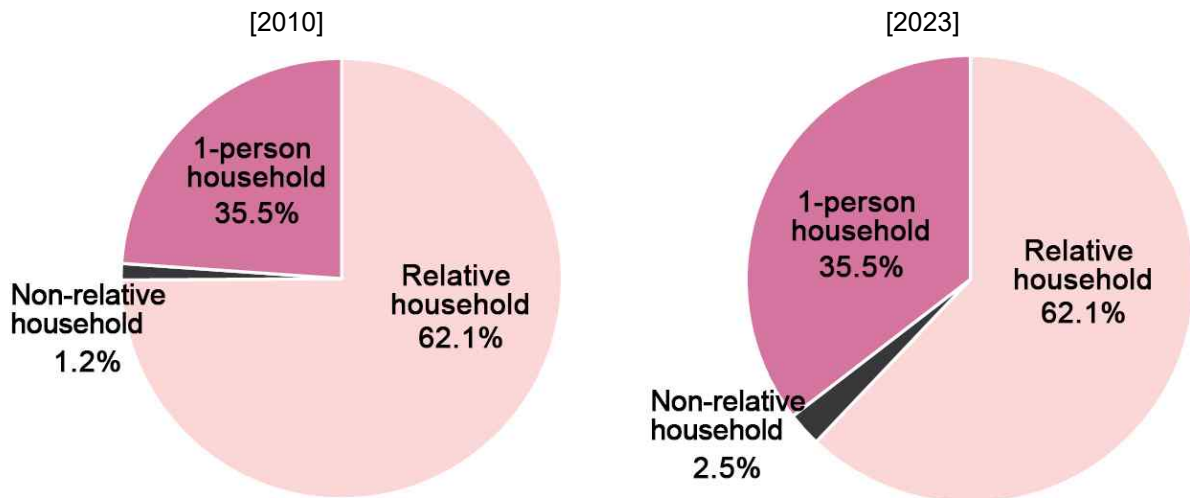


Among general households, relative households took up 62.1%. Household residing in apartments took up 53.1%.

- Compared to 2022, relative households showed a decrease. Whereas, non-relative households and 1-person households showed an increase.

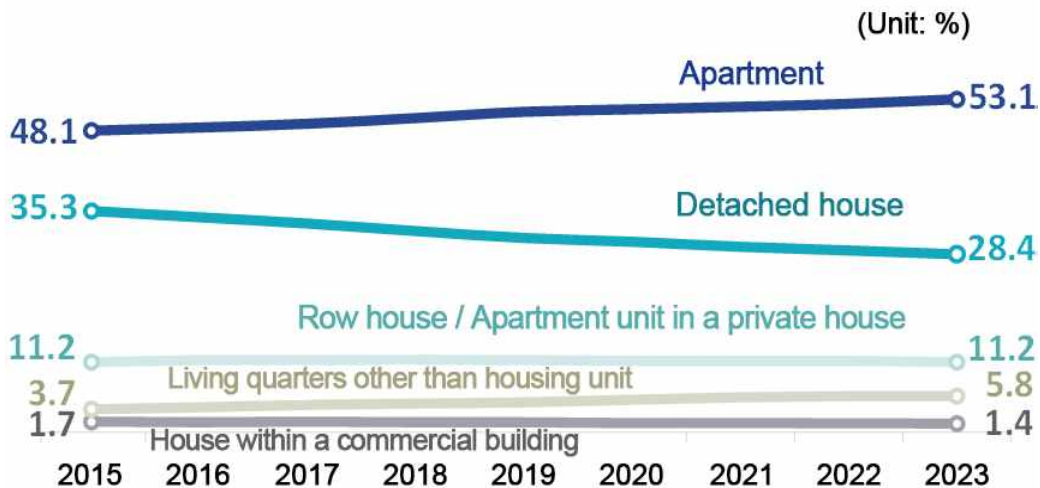
	2022	2023
Relative households:	13.76 million households (63.2%)	→ 13.70 million households (62.1%)
Non-relative households:	514 thousand households (2.4%)	→ 545 thousand households (2.5%)
1-person households:	7.50 million households (34.5%)	→ 7.83 million households (35.5%)

[Household composition by household type]



- In 2023, the households residing in apartments took up 53.1% of the general households, rising by 0.7%p from 2022.
- As for the share of households residing in apartments by province, Sejong showed the highest figure of 78.0%. Jeju marked the lowest figure of 25.7%.

[Household composition by type of living quarters]

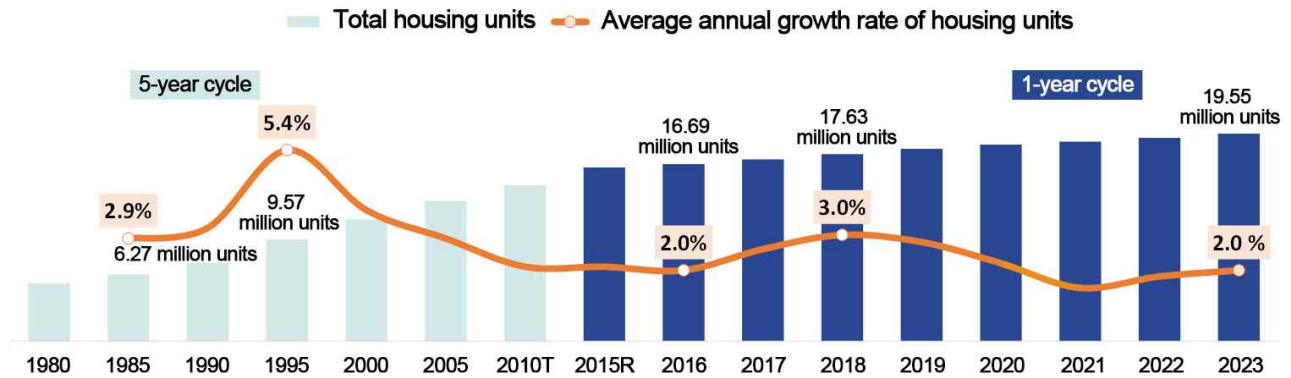


[Housing]

In 2023 the number of housing units totaled 19.55 million units, rising by 2.0% (391 thousand units) compared to 2022.

- Detached houses totaled 3.86 million units (19.8%), which remained the same year-on-year. Multi-unit dwellings totaled 15.47 million units (79.2%), which grew 2.6% (390 thousand units) from 2022.
- Apartments amounted to 12.63 million units, which accounted for 64.6% of the total housing units. This figure increased by 3.0% (363 thousand units) from 2022.

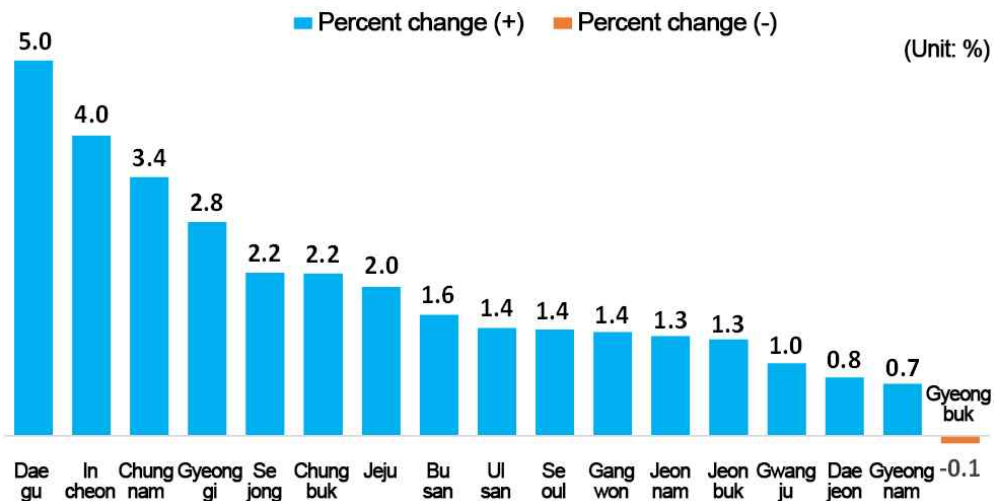
[Total housing units and average annual growth rate of housing units]



As for the year-on-year percent change in housing units by province, Daegu (5.0%) recorded the highest figure. Gyeongbuk (-0.1%) recorded the lowest figure.

- Housing units in the Capital Area occupied 46.8% (9.15 million units) of the total housing units.
 - Increase: Gyeonggi (135 thousand units), Seoul (44 thousand units), Incheon (43 thousand units)
 - Percent change: Daegu (5.0%), Incheon (4.0%), Chungnam (3.4%)
- (By housing type)
 - As for the share of apartments by province, Sejong recorded the highest figure of 87.1%. Jeju recorded the lowest figure of 31.6%.
 - As for the share of detached houses by province, Jeonnam recorded the highest figure of 47.9%. Incheon recorded the lowest figure of 8.2%.

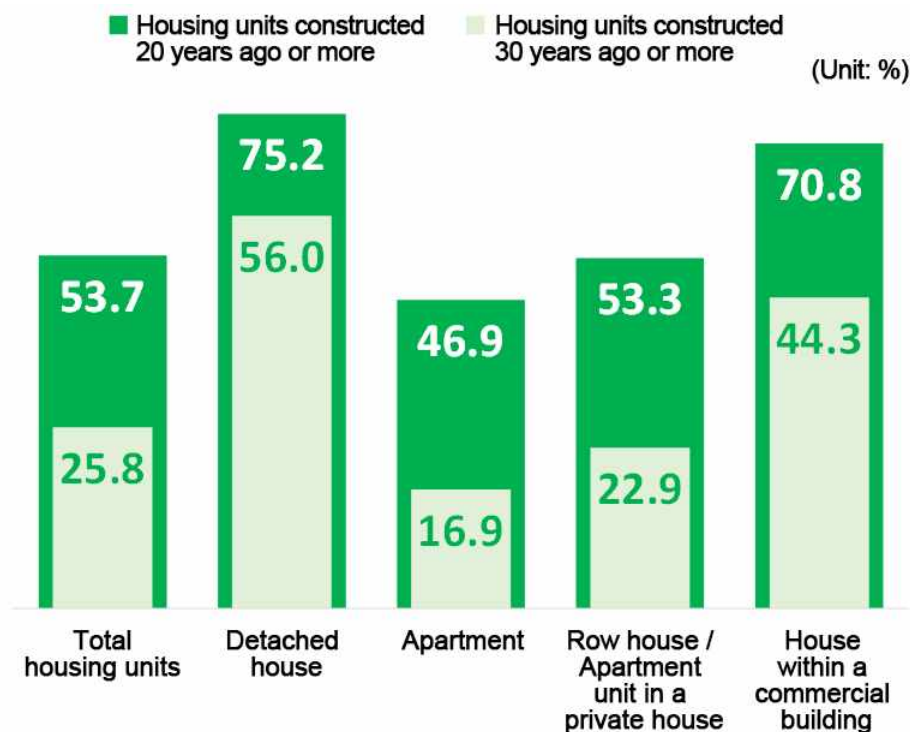
[Percent change in housing units by province]



Housing units constructed 20 years ago or more accounted for 53.7% of the total housing units. Housing units constructed 30 years ago or more accounted for 25.8% of the total housing units.

- Detached houses constructed 30 years ago or more occupied 56.0%. Apartments constructed 30 years ago or more occupied 16.9%.
- (Housing units constructed 30 years ago or more by province)
As for the share of housing units constructed 30 years ago or more by province, Jeonnam recorded the highest figure 41.4%, which was followed by Gyeongbuk (35.7%). Sejong recorded the lowest figure of 7.2%.

[Share of housing units by type of living quarters and construction year]

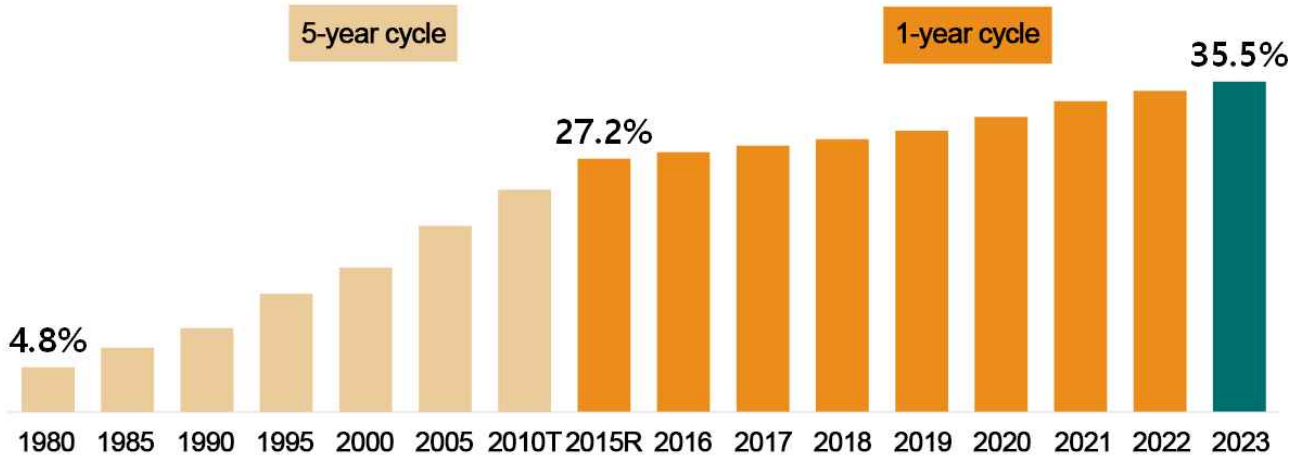


[Major population groups]

In 2023, 1-person households marked 7.83 million households (35.5%), rising by 4.4% from 2022.

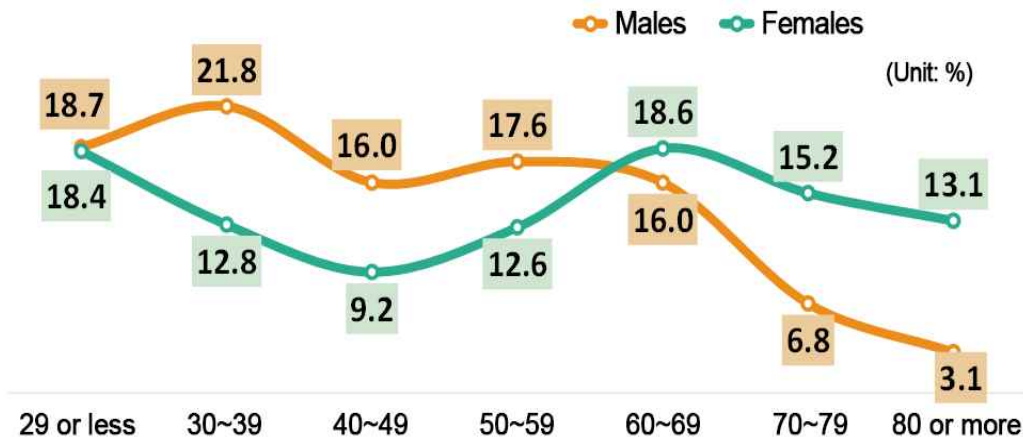
- Among general households, the share of 1-person households showed a steadily increasing trend.
 - Share of 1-person households: 33.4%²⁰²¹ → 34.5%²⁰²² → **35.5%²⁰²³**
 - Increase rate of 1-person households: 7.9%²⁰²¹ → 4.7%²⁰²² → **4.4%²⁰²³**
- As for the share of 1-person households by province, Daejeon recorded the highest figure of 39.4%. Whereas, Ulsan recorded the lowest figure of 30.9%.

[Share of 1-person households]



- As for 1-person households by age group, people aged '29 or less' recorded the highest share of 18.6%, which was followed by those aged '60~69' (17.3%) and those aged '30~39' (17.3%).
- As for 1-person households of males by age group, males aged '30~39' recorded the highest share of 21.8%. As for 1-person households of females by age group, females aged '60~69' recorded the highest share of 18.6%.

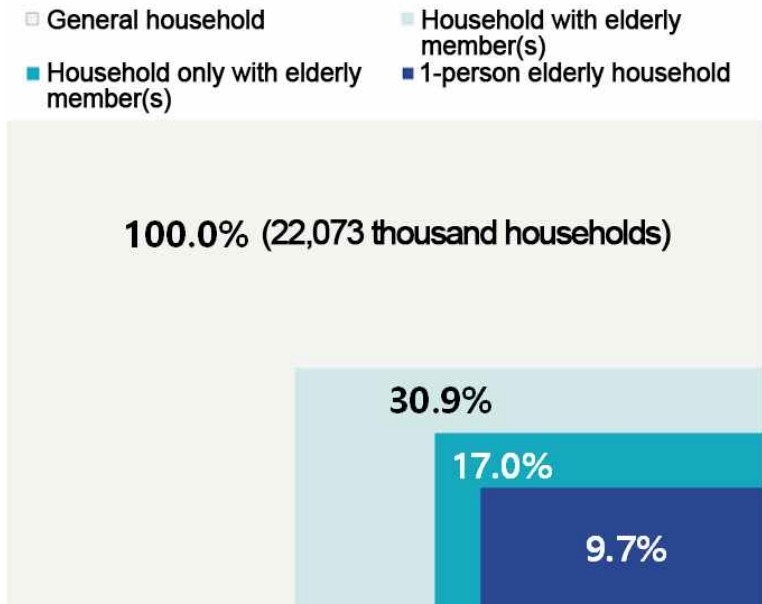
[Share of 1-person households by sex and age group]



In 2023, the elderly Koreans aged 65 or more recorded 9.50 million persons, showing a continuously increasing trend. Households with an elderly member amounted to 6.81 million households, showing a continuously increasing trend.

- The elderly Koreans aged 65 or more showed an ever-increasing trend.
 - Elderly Koreans: 8.62 million persons²⁰²¹ → 9.05 million persons²⁰²² → 9.50 million persons²⁰²³
 - Increase rate of elderly Koreans: 5.1%²⁰²¹ → 4.9%²⁰²² → 5.0%²⁰²³
- Among general households, households with an elderly member rose by 5.0% (325 thousand households) from 2022.
 - Among general households, households with elderly member(s) occupied 30.9%. Households only with elderly member(s) occupied 17.0%. 1-person elderly households occupied 9.7%.

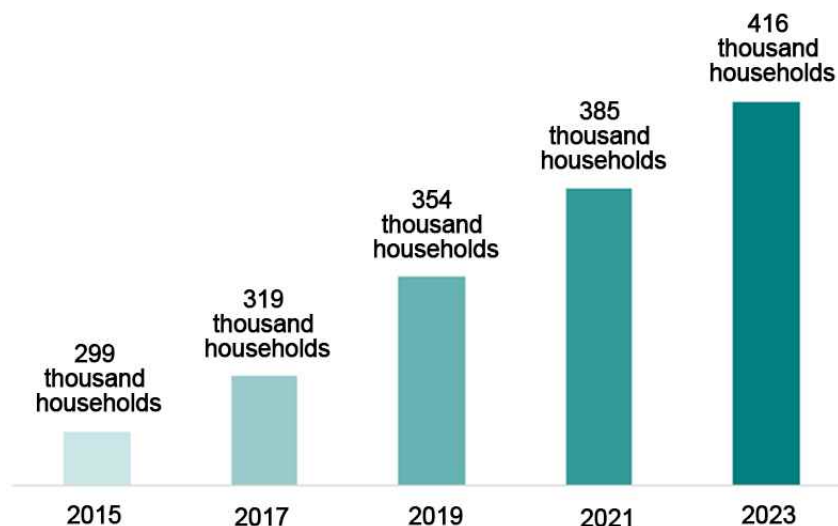
[Composition of elderly households]



In 2023, the multi-cultural households amounted to 416 thousand households. Naturalized Koreans and marriage immigrants amounted to 413 thousand persons. These two figures showed an ever-increasing trend.

- Compared to 2022, the multi-cultural households rose by 4.1% (16 thousand households).
 - (Multi-cultural households by type)
The households of naturalized Koreans occupied the largest share of 43.1%, which was followed by those of marriage immigrants (37.0%), those of multi-cultural children (11.3%) and the other households (8.6%).
- Compared to 2022, naturalized Koreans and marriage immigrants* grew by 3.7% (15 thousand persons).
 - * Naturalized Korean, etc. (Korean) + Marriage immigrant (foreigner)
 - (Nationality of naturalized Koreans and marriage immigrants)
Korean-Chinese occupied the largest share of 32.0%, which was followed by Vietnamese (22.2%) and Chinese (18.6%).

[Multi-cultural household]



< Major indicators of the Population and Housing Census >

(Unit: thousand persons (households, units), years, %, %p, per 100 persons, person)

Classification			2021 (A)	2022 (B)	2023 (C)	Change		Percent change		
						B-A	C-B	(B-A)/A	(C-B)/B	
Population	Total population		51,738	51,692	51,775	-46	82	-0.1	0.2	
	Nationality	Korean	50,088	49,940	49,839	-148	-101	-0.3	-0.2	
		Foreigner	1,650	1,752	1,935	102	183	6.2	10.4	
		Share of foreigners	3.2	3.4	3.7	0.2	0.3	-	-	
	Sex	Male (M)		25,850	25,835	25,904	-15	69	-0.1	0.3
		Female (F)		25,888	25,857	25,871	-31	14	-0.1	0.1
		Sex ratio (M/F)		99.9	99.9	100.1	0.1	0.2	-	-
	Age	Size	0~14 (Y)	6,087	5,860	5,619	-228	-241	-3.7	-4.1
			15~64 (W)	36,944	36,686	36,546	-258	-140	-0.7	-0.4
			65 or more (O)	8,707	9,146	9,609	440	462	5.1	5.1
		Compo- sition	0~14	11.8	11.3	10.9	-0.4	-0.5	-	-
			15~64	71.4	71.0	70.6	-0.4	-0.4	-	-
			65 or more	16.8	17.7	18.6	0.9	0.9	-	-
Median age		44.5	45.1	45.7	0.6	0.6	-	-		
Aging index (O/Y)		143.0	156.1	171.0	13.1	14.9	-	-		
Household	Total households		22,023	22,383	22,728	360	345	1.6	1.5	
	General household		21,448	21,774	22,073	325	300	1.5	1.4	
	By household size	Size	1-person household	7,166	7,502	7,829	337	327	4.7	4.4
			2-person household	6,077	6,261	6,346	184	86	3.0	1.4
			3-person household	4,170	4,185	4,195	15	10	0.3	0.2
			4-person or more household	4,036	3,826	3,703	-210	-123	-5.2	-3.2
		Compo- sition	1-person household	33.4	34.5	35.5	1.0	1.0	-	-
			2-person household	28.3	28.8	28.8	0.4	-0.0	-	-
			3-person household	19.4	19.2	19.0	-0.2	-0.2	-	-
			4-person or more household	18.8	17.6	16.8	-1.2	-0.8	-	-
Average household size		2.29	2.25	2.21	-0.04	-0.03	-	-		
Housing	Total housing units		18,812	19,156	19,546	344	391	1.8	2.0	
	By housing type	Size	Detached house	3,871	3,861	3,861	-10	0	-0.3	0.0
			Apartment	11,949	12,269	12,632	320	363	2.7	3.0
			Row house / Apartment unit in a private house	2,779	2,814	2,842	35	28	1.3	1.0
			House within a commercial building	213	211	212	-1	0	-0.6	0.1
		Compo- sition	Detached house	20.6	20.2	19.8	-0.4	-0.4	-	-
			Apartment	63.5	64.0	64.6	0.5	0.6	-	-
			Row house / Apartment unit in a private house	14.8	14.7	14.5	-0.1	-0.2	-	-
			House within a commercial building	1.1	1.1	1.1	-0.0	-0.0	-	-